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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 114, 1/13/2017; SB 115, 1/13/2017; HB 37, 1/17/2017

00:00:48 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:06 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 37, Revise MT Indian language preservation program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:16 Jason Smith, director, Office of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office

00:05:49 Casey Lozar, Department of Commerce (COM)

00:12:30 Jordon Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation

[EXHIBIT\(eds15a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds15a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:23 Sen. Regier

00:18:41 Rep. Windy Boy

00:19:19 Sen. Facey

00:20:10 Mr. Lozar, COM

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:33 Rep. Windy Boy

00:24:52 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy (D), HD 42

HEARING ON SB 114

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:48 Sen. Mary Moe (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 114, Revise postsecondary scholarships to address teacher pipeline.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:52 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association

[EXHIBIT\(eds15a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds15a04\)](#)

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00:36:54 Rene Rasmussen, superintendent, Bainville Public School (BPS)
00:42:12 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
00:43:19 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers
00:43:39 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19
00:45:29 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
00:48:39 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition
00:49:59 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of The University of Montana
00:50:37 Tyler Trevor, deputy commissioner, Office of The Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:51:02 Jessie Luther, Montana Hospital Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds15a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:00 Sen. Regier
00:53:23 Sen. Moe
[EXHIBIT\(eds15a06\)](#)

00:53:58 Sen. Salomon
00:55:08 Mr. Trevor, OCHE
00:55:24 Sen. Regier
00:56:19 Sen. Moe
00:56:26 Sen. Facey
00:57:31 Sen. Moe
00:57:38 Sen. Facey
00:58:35 Ms. Rasmussen, BPS
00:59:47 Sen. Salomon
01:00:27 Ms. Rasmussen
01:01:22 Sen. Blasdel
01:02:50 Mr. Trevor
01:03:58 Sen. Salomon
01:04:34 Mr. Trevor

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:49 Sen. Moe

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:09:17 Sen. Mary Moe (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 115, Revising stipends for national board certified teachers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:40 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19
01:14:15 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

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01:18:21 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
01:22:28 Chris Stout, superintendent, Seeley Lake School
01:26:12 Connie Gates, self
01:28:58 Sheila Devins, Seeley Lake Elementary School
01:31:54 Jane Shawn, self
01:35:04 Shannin Preshinger, National Board Certified teacher (NBCT)
01:38:19 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
01:39:03 Robert Filipovich, self
01:40:40 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
01:42:17 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:43:32 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:01 Sen. Regier
01:45:57 Mr. Ferro, MEA-MFT
01:46:59 Sen. Regier
01:47:35 Ms. Preshinger, NBCT
01:48:43 Sen. Facey
01:50:29 Ms. Preshinger
01:50:51 Sen. McClafferty
01:51:05 Ms. Preshinger
01:51:42 Chair Salomon
01:51:54 Ms. Preshinger
01:52:16 Sen. Facey
01:52:46 Ms. Preshinger
01:53:01 Chair Salomon
01:58:19 Mr. Ferro
01:59:08 Chair Salomon
01:59:37 Ms. Burke, MQEC
02:00:10 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:37 Sen. Moe
02:03:13 Chair Salomon
02:03:28 Sen. Tempel

02:03:37 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:06 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds15aad.pdf](#))